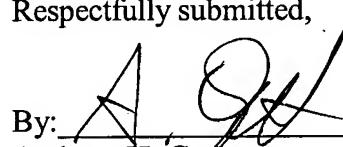


Claim 2. This set of claims also contains 1 independent claim. Applicants specifically reserve the right to prosecute other claims at a later date.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (068758.0180).

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned agent for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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